GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL AWARD TO SSI
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to institute a special award to encourage small scale units to commercialise indigenous technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to encourage SSI in order to ensure that they do not get swamped and marginalised by the big units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PEN AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The Government of India have already a Scheme for giving National Awards for Research & Development Efforts in the Small Scale Sector from the Award year 1999 to encourage in-house R&D efforts and to promote this spirit in the larger interest of qualitative development of Small Scale Industries (SSI) Sector. These Awards are in three categories - First, Second and Third, and are to be conferred once in a calendar year on deserving registered Small Scale Industrial Units which have been in continuous production for at least four years before the year of Award. The First, Second and Third Awards carry, besides a Certificate and Trophy, a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-, Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 15,000/- respectively.

(c): To strengthen the Small Scale Sector and to enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally, the government has announced a comprehensive Policy Package on 30th August, 2000. The Policy Package provides enhanced fiscal support, easier credit, improved infrastructural support, better marketing facilities and technological support.